



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1746**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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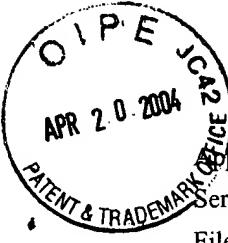
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